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1. Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Asia Pacific Network Information Centre is the Regional Internet Registry responsible for distributing Internet number resources to its members throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre distributes and manages Internet number resources, such as Internet Protocol addresses and autonomous system numbers, through an open, consensus-based, policy development process. It also supports Internet infrastructure development in the Asia Pacific region.

Significant changes in the organization

The most significant issue facing the Information Centre and the global Internet community is the transition to Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6), since the exhaustion of IPv4 addresses in the Asia Pacific region in April 2011, followed by Europe and the Middle East in September 2012. These Regional Internet Registries (the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre and the Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC) are now delegating small blocks of IPv4 from their final stock for the purposes of transition. IPv6, which provides an extremely large address space, resolves the demand for Internet Protocol addresses, but raises a number of transition and implementation issues. In its capacity, the Information Centre assists with regional IPv6 adoption, focusing on the needs of developing economies. A dedicated IPv6 program includes considerable training and outreach activities related to IPv6 deployment for the benefit of the region's network operators, policymakers, regulators and decision makers.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Asia Pacific Network Information Centre has been a Sector Member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) development sector since 2003. The Information Centre participated in past ITU World Telecommunications Development and Plenipotentiary Conferences and actively contributes to global and regional ITU IPv6 activities. It has collaborated with the ITU Asia Pacific Centre of Excellence since 2011 to deliver technical IPv6 workshops each year for telecom operators and government technical staff of ITU members in the region. In 2012, the Information Centre attended as an observer of the World Conference on International Telecommunications and promoted an open, transparent model of Internet governance. In 2013, it participated at the World Telecommunication and ICT Policy Forum and was part of an Informal Experts Group that supported its preparations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Internet Governance Forum — each year since 2006
- ITU-T IPv6 Group meetings, Geneva, in 2009, 2010 and 2011

- ITU plenipotentiary meeting, Geneva, in 2010
- World Telecommunication Development Conference, Hyderabad, India, in 2010
- World Conference on International Telecommunications, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in 2012
- World Summit on the Information Society Forum, Geneva, in 2012
- ITU World Telecommunication Policy Forum, Lisbon, in 2009

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Information Centre has been an active participant of the World Summit on the Information Society and follow-up activities.

Since 2009, the Information Centre has participated in the World Telecommunication Policy Forum, presenting statements embracing openness and also participated in the Informal Experts Group in 2013.

Since 2011, it has undertaken collaborative work with the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and its Centre of Excellence to organize a series of workshops on IPv6 migration strategies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Information Centre administers the Information Society Innovation Fund, which operates through a partnership with the International Development Research Centre and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, with sponsorship from the Internet Society and the DotAsia Organization.

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women: Information Society Innovation Fund Asia has funded five projects to date that are specifically to support gender equality and empowerment of women.

Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality and Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health: Information Society Innovation Fund Asia has funded three projects to date that have directly contributed to helping local communities access reproductive health information and services to provide diagnoses and medical advice on maternal health and children's services to reduce child mortality.

Goal 8: Global Partnership for Development: the Information Centre works with its partners to deploy root server mirrors, which improve the speed of local Domain Name System services. The Centre has supported root server deployment since 2005, with 25 root servers deployed across the region; the Centre works with its partners to deliver hands-on educational services to networking engineers in Asia and the Pacific. Information Society Innovation Fund Asia works to address the special needs of least developed countries by providing grants and awards to initiatives in the global south, focusing on the special needs of landlocked and small island developing States; in 2012, the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre, the Latin American and Caribbean Network Information Centre, and the African Network Information Centre established the Seed Alliance, which is an umbrella to support the three programmes and related collaborative efforts. The Seed Alliance

will invest some AUD 3.5 million through 2015 to support Internet Development and Digital Innovation.

2. Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia is a regional partnership of 11 social development networks and organizations in 10 Asian nations that envisions Asian rural communities that are just, free, prosperous, living in peace and working in solidarity towards self-reliance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to be an effective promoter and catalyst of partnership relations, facilitator of human resource development processes in the rural areas and mobilizer of expertise and opportunities for the strengthening of solidarity and kinship among Asian rural communities. The Partnership's regional policy advocacy work has always been anchored to its commitment to bring forward the voices of its partner peasant organizations to the frontline of the advocacy arena. It organized the five Farmers' Exchange Visits which eventually led to the formation of the Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Participated in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Conference on Food Security, May 2009, Bangkok
- Participated in the 29th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific FAO-Conference, March in Bangkok
- Participated in the Investment Forum and Market Place for Food Security in Asia and the Pacific, Manila, July 2010. Co-organized by FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Participated in the 37th FAO Conference Side Event entitled "Campaign in Favour of the International Year of Family Farming", July 2011, Rome
- Participated in the Joint FAO/Civil Society Planning and Team Building Meeting, March 2011, Bangkok

- Participated in the Regional Consultation on Policy and Programmatic Actions to Address High Food Prices in Asia and the Pacific Region, March 2011, Bangkok
- Participated in a forum on food security sponsored by the FAO Regional Office for Asia-Pacific entitled, "Nutrition-Sensitive Food Production Systems for Sustainable Food Security", December 2011, Bangkok
- Attended the Fourth Meeting of the Farmers Forum, February 2012, at the IFAD Headquarters in Rome; regular invitee in the biennial Forum since 2006
- AsiaDHRRA Executive Committee members participated in the 31st session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Hanoi, March 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Host and organizer for the FAO-Civil Society Organization (CSO) Food Security Consultation in the Asia and the Pacific Region, February 2010, Pasig City, Philippines Appointed CSO interlocutor by FAO to organize the CSO preparatory FAO-CSO Side Event entitled "Investment For Whom and for What? Bringing in Asia Pacific Peoples' Voices in the Investment Forum for Food Security," July 2010, Manila
- Main CSO interlocutor for FAO and organized the CSO Parallel Consultation held in conjunction with the 30th FAO-Asia Pacific Regional Conference, September/October 2010, Gyeongju, Republic of Korea
- Co-organized with the Vietnam Farmers' Union the "CSO Meeting: Consolidating Efforts for Effective Engagement on Food and Agriculture Governance" in conjunction with the 31st FAO-Asia Pacific Regional Conference, March 2012, Hanoi
- Convened and co-organized the Southeast Asia civil society mechanism Subregional Consultation focusing on "Development of Principles for Agricultural Investment, Voluntary Guidelines on Land, and other Priority Issues of CFS", May 2012, Jakarta

Contracted by IFAD to provide technical assistance in conducting the midterm and final supervisory implementation support mission for the IFAD Medium Term Cooperation Programme with Farmers' Organizations in 10 countries in Asia (November/December of 2011 and 2012).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. Association for Women's Rights in Development

General, 1997

Introduction

The Association for Women's Rights in Development is an international, feminist membership organization founded in 1982 and committed to achieving

gender equality, women's human rights and sustainable development. By the end of 2012, the Association had a total of 3,875 members from 156 countries, with 64 from the Global South. It has an international staff of 40, working out of 12 countries, including offices in Toronto, Mexico City and Cape Town.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Association continues to be to strengthen the voice, impact and influence of women's rights advocates, organizations and movements internationally to effectively advance the rights of women.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association's institutional membership grew 38.5 per cent, reaching 600 institutional members by December 2012. It realized significant growth in the reach of its information resources from 25,600 weekly e-subscribers in January 2009 to over 46,000 by December 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association has been actively engaged in the United Nations development agenda, working with other women's rights organizations and civil society organizations (CSOs) to help keep women's rights and gender equality as key elements of major international development cooperation, aid effectiveness and financing for development processes and agendas, working to ensure that these processes remain open and responsive to civil society inputs and proposals and fulfil funding commitments; and are accessible for the participation of feminists and women's rights advocates. The Association has played leadership roles within the CSO platforms, including the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development and Better Aid Cooperating Group and CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness, and a member of the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) advisory board since 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association's representatives participated in the following events:

In 2009:

- The World Financial and Economic Crisis and its impact on development, New York, June; High-Level Symposium on "Accountable and Transparent Development Cooperation: Towards a More Inclusive Framework" (Vienna, November)

In 2010:

- Commission on the Status of Women, where the Association co-hosted a side event on "Gender Equality in Economic Crisis and Recovery: Getting the Macroeconomic Policies Right", with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Centre for Women's Global Leadership of Rutgers University, New York, March; the Second High-Level Symposium of the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development, Helsinki, June; the European Commission/United Nations Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace, New York, July

In 2011:

- Commission on the Status of Women, where the Association co-organized a debate with ActionAid and the Centre for Women's Global Leadership, New York, March 2011

In 2012:

- The Commission on the Status of Women, where the Association was a panellist at the debate on "Progress in financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women from the perspective of international organizations and multilateral development partners", New York, March; Development Cooperation Forum Vienna Policy Dialogue on Gender Equality, presented in plenary meeting and panels on "Gender equality and women's rights in the post-2015 United Nations development agenda", December; Expert Group Meeting on Gender and the post-2015 agenda by UN-Women, New York, November

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During this period, the Association cooperated with United Nations bodies in the following activities, among others: (a) Commission on the Status of Women, New York, from 2009 to 2012; (b) delivered a presentation at the fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Korea, 2010; (c) co-organized a panel on Religion, Fundamentalism and Human Rights with the International Council on Human Rights Policy at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) Geneva, 2011; (d) supported Women Human Rights Defenders delegations from Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala to UNHRC Geneva, 2011; (e) co-convened with Women Human Rights Defenders a panel on Women Human Rights Defenders at the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, 2011; and (f) collaborated with UN-Women and the Development Cooperation Forum Secretariat on preparations for the Vienna Policy Dialogue (2012), and submitted responses to Civil Society Dialogue with the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development in December 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association's work has focused primarily on Millennium Development Goals 3 and 8. The Association has actively advocated for adequate financing to meeting women's rights commitments, including its contributions to influencing the development effectiveness agenda and its advocacy with diverse donors. The Association persuaded key donors to provide a significant increase in funding for gender equality and women's rights and its research was cited by the Government of the Netherlands as instrumental in their decision to launch, and later replenish the Millennium Development Goal 3 Fund. The Association has also been instrumental in the creation of FRIDA-The Young Feminist Fund, a new funding mechanism that supports young feminist initiatives around the world.

4. Child Foundation

General, 2005

Introduction

Established in 1994, Child Foundation is an international non-profit organization with the simple objective of helping children to study.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Child Foundation attempts to support the urgent needs of needy, talented children and their families multilaterally. In this regard, Child Foundation not only has been thoroughly successful in achieving its humanitarian purposes but also attempts to enhance international cooperation with NGOs with a similar mandate to help them to achieve their goals. Child Foundation started to take needy children under its sponsorship, believing in the motto "No Gifted and Talented Child's Education should be hindered as a Consequence of Financial Hardships". It has been sponsoring more than 9,000 needy talented children and their families since it was established. Nearly 60 per cent of these children are female. This shows Child Foundation's specific attention to the girls and women, as they are more vulnerable than men. While its broad aims and objectives, and the nature of its activities have remained the same, Child Foundation has expanded the areas of its activities to other countries, including the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland and Germany. It also has expanded the areas of support within the Islamic Republic of Iran by establishing new branches since 2009.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In conformity with Economic and Social Council goals, Child Foundation has focused on implementing and developing educational programmes for needy, talented children and their families during the past four years to achieve two important goals of eradicating poverty and promoting education simultaneously. Expanding the range of activities in the Islamic Republic of Iran and other countries can also be considered among the Foundation's actions during these years.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, Child Foundation attended the twelfth session of the Human Rights Council, at Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the 2009-2012 reporting period, Child Foundation contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in the Islamic Republic of Iran in many ways:

Goal 1: To eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: provided financial aid to 710 families; provided financial aid to 108 families; distributed food to 700 families a year; distributed food to 1,700 Afghan immigrant children.

Goal 2: To achieve universal primary education: provided primary education for 2,029 children, secondary education for 958 children, high school education for 1,144 children, university education for 677 students, and distributed school supplies to 5,225 students.

Goal 3: To promote gender equality and empowering women: organized six workshops for mothers with the goal of strengthening home management and child rearing skills.

Goal 4: To reduce child mortality rates: provided medicine for 751 children, and surgery and treatment to 45 patients.

Goal 8: To develop a global partnership for development: Child Foundation provided assistance to the victims of the earthquake in Varzaghan, eastern Azerbaijan province, north of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. Children of a Better Time

Special, 1997

Introduction

Children of a Better Time is an international non-governmental organization concerned with severe public health problems affecting children. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child serves as its primary guiding principle.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of Children of a Better Time is to further the health, well-being and quality of life of children worldwide through intergenerational, gender-oriented public health research, dissemination of knowledge and the funding of projects.

Significant changes in the organization

The relationship with the Karolinska Institutet as a base for research was strengthened. The programme was consolidated across three main lines relating to the Millennium Development Goals and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing 1995), guided activities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization focused its attention on research related to the Millennium Development Goals, and on implementing educational ventures. Representatives of

the organization provided background knowledge relating to the global, regional and national progress of Millennium Development Goals 3, 4 and 5. The Department of Public Health Sciences served as a collaborative centre to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperation took place in the field and in conjunction with international conferences. Field activities included contribution to studies related to the Millennium Development Goals 3, 4 and 5 in low-income settings and to resulting publications. Aside from adding to international research, findings served as the basis for the development of a training programme for health personnel in Yemen. Consultancies took place with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In accordance with the policies and guiding principles of the organization and stressing the interdependency of health and human rights, initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals were taken in all three areas of the Children of a Better Time programme.

1. A study in Yemen of reproductive mortality of women and children with a focus on pregnancy (Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5).

2. Studies related to Millennium Development Goals 3 and 5 were completed and published.

3. Training of health personnel: Planned in Yemen, for a general low-income country audience potentially through WHO (Millennium Development Goals 3, 4 and 5).

4. At the Children of a Better Time headquarters, initiatives were taken through the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to consult with and further engage the previous Special Rapporteur on violence against women with Children of a Better Time. The theme of violence against women cuts through the whole programme and an intergenerational approach is also of a high relevance (Millennium Development Goal 3).

5. Initiatives were taken to collaborate with chapters of the Inter-African Committee in the Sudan (Millennium Development Goals 3, 4 and 5).

6. Educational ventures: Lectures, seminars and workshops took place at the Karolinska Institutet and three other universities in Sweden (Millennium Development Goals 3, 4 and 5).

6. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative is an independent, non-partisan, international non-governmental organization, mandated to ensure the practical realization of human rights across the Commonwealth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative are to promote awareness of and adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Harare Commonwealth Declaration, and other internationally recognized human rights instruments, as well as in-country laws and policies that support human rights in member States. The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative places particular emphasis on the democratic principles of accountability and participation and has developed a strong focus on access to justice and access to information, as they are crucial for the poor and marginalized.

Significant changes in the organization

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative joined the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the United Nations Working Group on Human Rights, a civil society collective coordinating United Nations engagement.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative monitors and reports on the performance and commitments of Commonwealth countries at the Human Rights Council in its "Easier Said than Done" reports. A new edition was released in 2011.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative works to improve Commonwealth engagement with the universal periodic review by responding to queries from Governments and resourcing meetings: March 2010, Commonwealth's mid-term review of the universal periodic review, London; Commonwealth's 2012 regional governmental universal periodic review training (Grenada, February; and Namibia, February). Additionally, the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative released universal periodic review briefs for the East African Community.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative worked to encourage civil society participation in the universal periodic review by resourcing initiatives from January 2009 to September 2012.

In India, the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative chaired the parallel national universal periodic review consultation, October, New Delhi; participated in the National Human Rights Commission's National consultation, October, New Delhi; and aided the organization of all five Working Groups on Human Rights regional consultations.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative facilitated discussions on increasing the accessibility and relevance of the Human Rights Council to the Global South, Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 2009.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative built the capacity of human rights defenders to engage with the United Nations through training from February 2009 to August 2012. It participated in the review of the Human Rights Council: October, chaired the civil society universal periodic review meeting, Geneva, and presented on the universal periodic review at the Ambassadorial Retreat, December, Thailand.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative organized a side event on Human Rights Defenders and Police Reform in East Africa in 2009, at the Human Rights Council.

During 2011, the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative supported several initiatives at the Human Rights Council that supported democratic principles and sought improvements in funding for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative submitted a written statement on decriminalization of consensual adult same-sex conduct, at the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council.

During 2012, the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative made seven joint submissions to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly.

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative made the written submissions for the universal periodic review in 2009, 2010 and 2012. It co-sponsored side events on the Indian and Sri Lankan reviews. During the seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council in 2011, the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative made an oral statement.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative collaborated with the World Bank on good governance initiatives, including the South Asian workshop on transparent governance, in 2010, New Delhi. It worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on democracy initiatives, shared information on police reform in Bangladesh and contributed to UNDP India's 5-year programme map in 2012, in India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative transparency and access to justice initiatives are vital for the advancement of the Millennium Development Goals. It trains development actors to use international mechanisms and legislation on the right to information as a tool for transforming service delivery and poverty eradication.

Additional information

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative intervenes at the United Nations only to strengthen or protect domestic actors. It is one of the few international

organizations based within the Global South, with United Nations experience, that can legitimately give a voice to the region.

7. Council of International Programs

Special, 1989

Introduction

The Council of International Programs is a non-profit organization located in Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States of America. It has alumni branches in 31 countries and an affiliate network of five international exchange offices in the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and mission of the Council of International Programs is to promote international understanding through professional development and cross-cultural exchange. Programs are designed to address each participant's professional and educational goals, encouraging awareness and understanding of cultural differences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council of International Programs continues to build partnerships with the country programme within its network. It has continued to support the Millennium Development Goals through its global partners. It encouraged its membership to support the goals in their own countries and ensured that all participants are fully familiar with the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council continues to cooperate with the World Organization for Early Childhood Education for projects in the education of young children. At this time, the focus is on the use of the creative arts to meet the mental health needs of high-risk populations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In June 2012, in support of Millennium Development Goal 7, the organization hosted an environmental sustainability programme to promote policies that it implements in Cleveland, Ohio, and shared best practices in sustainability with a group of environmental leaders from Volgograd, Russia.

In March 2013, in support of Millennium Development Goal 3, it hosted a group of female leaders from Kyrgyzstan who work to empower women and youth in their community.

The Council continued to work on projects in Jamaica that help build capacity in the early childhood and mental health sectors in support of Millennium Development Goal 2. It expanded the project to support capacity-building with professionals working with 0-6-year-old populations. It is involved in a health and literacy project and will continue to support educational activities and human services for children and families.

Also in support of Millennium Development Goal 2, it hosted three delegations of educators from Ukraine, the Russian Federation, and Jamaica to help enrich their interaction with parents in encouraging them to enrol their children in school. These educators work with students with special education needs. The Council is working on capacity-building efforts in the education of children through the use of creative arts with at-risk populations in Jamaica and Turkey.

8. DARE America

Special, 2009

Introduction

DARE America is an international drug and violence prevention education programme. It is primarily taught by police officers in schools. It was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and rapidly spread nationally and internationally and it is currently in more than 50 countries. The international headquarters is in Inglewood, California.

DARE America was introduced as an innovative programme focused on youth abuse of illicit substances. It has since been acknowledged as a primary force for introducing substance abuse prevention education into school classrooms around the world.

Its introduction occurred during the height of an epidemic stage of youth abuse of illicit drug use. Since its launch, it has substantively contributed to a significant reduction in youth illicit drug use. Prior to its debut in 1983, "hard drug" use by 12th-grade students had peaked at 43 per cent and marijuana use had reached nearly 60 per cent. By 2011, those numbers had dropped to 25 per cent for hard drugs and under 40 per cent for marijuana. Over the course of the past three decades, it has grown, with programmes throughout the United States, Department of Defense Schools worldwide, and in 49 other countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to give children the necessary tools to make good decisions in all aspects of their lives, specifically in the areas of drugs and violence; however, it also provides supplemental lessons on a number of current problem areas such as bullying, Internet safety and prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Its mission is "Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives". Its vision is "A world in which students everywhere are

empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviour".

Significant changes in the organization

In the past few years, DARE America has developed new curricula to address a more diverse population inclusive of minority groups both in the United States and internationally. It provides service to the poorest of the poor around the world, as well as more affluent communities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From the United States to Latin America to the Middle East and Europe, DARE America is on the ground teaching children skills they need to bring themselves out of poverty. It introduces them to mentors and role models who help address individual problems with each child.

DARE America has actively participated in initiatives supporting the purpose of the United Nations to bring all nations of the world to work for peace and development, based on the principles of justice, human dignity and well-being of all people. It affords the opportunity for countries to balance global interdependence and national interests when addressing international problems. DARE America's efforts have focused upon providing substance abuse prevention education, the presence of which undermines the stated purpose of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in and addressed many issues at sessions held in New York:

- Commission on the Status of Women, March 2010; and the Commission for Social Development, February 2010, and February 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DARE America cooperates with United States embassies throughout the world in supporting the training of host government law enforcement agencies to deliver its curricula to millions of children. The Ministries of Education in many developing countries are required to provide DARE America and DARE International with a commitment to be involved in the training of law enforcement personnel.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As mentioned above, DARE America is on the ground throughout the world, working to break the cycle of poverty with education.

9. European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages

Special, 1997

Introduction

The European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages was established in 1982 through the Arfé resolution of the European Parliament. It is an independent,

democratic, non-governmental organization for linguistic diversity and democracy. Based on Member State Committees, it is now open to local organizations and academics, representing hundreds of organizations and thousands of volunteers. It represents the interest of the various regional or minority communities within their States, comprising 40 million citizens from the European Union.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the network are to help people fight for their cultural and linguistic rights and to link them together to share good practices and advocate for the respect of cultural and linguistic rights of individuals and minorities as recognized by the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities and other international covenants as those of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It plays a vital role in maintaining and securing the future of Europe's linguistic diversity and democracy. The network is linked to European Union institutions, the European Parliament, and has participative consultative status with the Council of Europe.

Significant changes in the organization

In January 2010, the umbrella organization of the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages in Ireland was closed as a consequence of the new funding structure within the European Union and the Irish committee was unable to maintain its membership. Nevertheless the Council of the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages hoped that new ways of European cooperation would arise for this very essential part of European cultural heritage. Working as a network, coordinated by the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages-France, member State committees of the Bureau met in 2010 and in 2011 with the participation of the Head of the secretariat of the European Charter for regional or minority languages in 2012. The general assembly gave a mandate to the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages-France, to declare the Bureau network as an official association in France in September 2012 with the name: the European Language Equality Network, or usually the European Language Equality Network-European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages. Its board met Europe's Commissioner for Culture and Education in January 2013 in Brussels.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2008 to 2012, the Bureau was focused on ratifying the European Charter for regional and minority languages in Europe, and implementing minorities' cultural rights, especially in France and Greece, the last member States in the European Union to ratify the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and therefore do not recognize the rights of minorities.

Annual conferences and meetings took place in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following events and presented written and oral statements in the United Nations in Geneva, in the Forum on Minority Issues of the Human Rights Council in 2008, 2009 and 2012.

It also attended the fortieth session of the Economic and Social Council Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in 2008, on the report on France, and the Human Rights Council universal periodic review pre-session on the report on France, in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

Additional information

The European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages network is the only NGO that is specifically devoted to linguistic and cultural rights in Europe.

10. Federation of Cuban Women

Special, 1997

Introduction

The objectives of the Federation of Cuban Women are to: struggle for the full incorporation, participation and promotion of women in the economic, political, social and cultural life of the country under conditions of equality of rights and opportunities; strengthen awareness among families of their responsibilities; and promote the development of non-sexist education in the family, school and society to prevent sexist stereotypes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Main activities include: women in decision-making, employment, social and community work, environmental work, rural women, violence against women, education, health and training, and others. The Federation of Cuban Women is affiliated with the Women's International Democratic Federation, the International Council of Social Welfare, and the Conference of NGOs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation attended sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2010, 2011 and 2012 and participated in about 80 of their parallel events. During 2010 and 2012 the Federation, together with the Women's International Democratic Federation, prepared and held parallel events within the framework of the Commission. The Federation attended the eleventh to twenty-first sessions of the Human Rights Council, and presented oral statements on the items related to women, health, employment, human rights, international solidarity, gender perspective, the right to self-determination, the right to development, economic,

social and cultural rights; civil and political rights; and the rights of the Palestinian people and arbitrary detentions and in the presentation of the report on human rights. At the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in 2011, representatives participated in the interactive dialogues on the annual report, on the working group on arbitrary detention, and in the panel on the situation of human rights in Western Sahara and the right to self-determination.

The Federation has assisted Cuba in providing responses to questionnaires, consultations and statements on national reports on the Millennium Development Goals and in 2009 on the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo 1994).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation of Cuban Women sent written statements to different bodies, including the Human Rights Council on: Children's rights in Cuba, Promotion and protection of civil, political, economic, cultural and social rights, including the right to development, the Situation of human rights in Palestine and other Arab territories, among others.

On the Millennium Development Goals, it supported the mandate of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, on rural women and the advancement of women, and to the Economic and Social Council on the use of the Consultative Status by Latin American NGOs.

In 2010 it contributed to the discussions at the annual ministerial review on the application of the internationally adopted objectives and compromises with regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women.

It contributed to the universal periodic reviews of the United States of America, the People's Republic of China and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Two contributions were officially distributed in the Commission on the Status of Women in the framework of the fifteen-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2010, and on the empowerment of rural women and poverty eradication, in 2012.

The Federation also contributed to the presentation of the Cuban reports on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, universal periodic review reports, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federation works with UNDP on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and the programme against tuberculosis. With UNFPA, it printed materials for education, raising awareness and training courses for combating sexist stereotypes and to provide sexual education, and implements a project with the World Food Programme (WFP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Federation participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, in 2012; in the Caribbean Association for Feminist Research Regional Meeting, Dominican Republic, 2012; and in the World Joint Conference of the International Council of Social Welfare, Hong Kong, 2010. It has also shared its experiences in events organized by international and regional organizations.

11. Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan

Special, 2005

Introduction

The mission of the Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan is the consolidation and strengthening of women's NGOs in order to promote the advancement of women, gender equality and women's empowerment, and to increase women's participation in public life. Main goals of the Forum include the consolidation of the women's movement, development of the capacity of women's organizations, empowerment of women and their organizations, promotion of gender equality, and gender awareness. The Forum also aims to implement the Beijing Platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Millennium Development Goals, and Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In addition, the Forum works towards the integration of women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan into the regional and global women's movement and strengthening of the women's NGO network. The main areas of work are strengthening women's participation in political processes, elimination of violence against women, improving the economic status of women, and monitoring the implementation of international and national legislation that protects women.

Significant changes in the organization

While its main aims and objectives, as well as the nature of its activities remain much as described in the submission of 2005, the Forum has expanded its monitoring areas and added monitoring of the Convention, Millennium Development Goals, Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), financing for development and aid and development effectiveness in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia. In 2012, the president of the Forum became a member of the country advisory group for UN-Women.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Forum worked for women's rights by submitting two written statements and presenting two oral statements at United Nations processes, a shadow report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, organizing four parallel sessions at United Nations meetings, and organization of the celebration of the United Nations rural women's day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, the Forum attended the session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, and organized two parallel sessions: on the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in New York; where Forum representatives submitted recommendations on "Women's economic problems in Kyrgyzstan after divorce"; the Asia Pacific Regional Consultations with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, in Bangkok in December.

In 2010, it attended the NGO Global Forum for Women: fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, in New York; attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, where the Forum organized two parallel sessions and made presentations; participated in the Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, in New York, and made an oral statement on women's rights and women's empowerment.

In 2011, it attended the Asia Pacific Regional Consultations with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, in Kuala Lumpur; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York; and the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, in Busan, Republic of Korea.

In 2012, it attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, and made presentations at the parallel sessions; presented a written statement at the 2012 High Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council; attended the Asia Pacific Regional Consultations with members of United Nations Treaty Body Experts, in Kavre, Nepal.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Forum organized a campaign, "16 days of Activism to End Violence against Women" in partnership with the UN-Women country office, where the Forum designed and prepared a widely disseminated brochure as the campaign material "Learn and protect your rights!" Bishkek. It also prepared in English and Russian a booklet, "Violence against Women in Central Asia" and session materials for participants in the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Forum organized a series of provincial conferences and meetings for the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and National plan of action for gender equality in five provinces of Kyrgyzstan, in 2009; and provided 20 training workshops for women leaders in support of Millennium Development Goal 1 by implementing a project in rural areas on "Women in Action and Solidarity against Poverty in the Kyrgyz Republic". In support of Goal 8, it organized a series of activities in the area of aid and development effectiveness and partnership development during the 2009-2012 reporting period.

12. Foundation for International Training

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Foundation for International Training works among its partners to address human rights issues, promote gender equality and support democratic development through improved governance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation's mission is to further social and economic progress in developing countries by strengthening human capacities. This mission is predicated on the conviction that people — their institutions, skills and capacities — are the most critical resource for development. For over 35 years, the Foundation has worked with people from all segments of society to strengthen the capacities of its partner organizations to envision and manage development programmes that contribute to increased human rights and poverty reduction.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation projects are designed and implemented in keeping with United Nations priorities and conventions, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and the International Labour Organization's Occupational Health and Safety Conventions. It encourages its partners to understand the commitments that their respective Governments make when they ratify United Nations conventions and, with this knowledge, participate in cross-sector dialogue and cooperation in order to enhance legal, regulatory and policy developments.

The Child Rights Project in Sri Lanka developed capacities among NGOs and the Government to apply rights-based approaches to child protection. A central component of this capacity development was the provision of training for all partners in the principles and responsibilities set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Additional support was provided on how to apply specific articles of the Convention in the context of programming and advocacy activities.

The Participatory Development Program in Egypt facilitated dialogue on a number of rights issues such as gender-based discrimination, child rights, and the rights of persons with disabilities. This included a series of round table meetings to put forward recommendations for new legislation to reflect Egypt's commitments as a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Between 2009 and 2012, the Migrant Labour Occupational Health and Safety Project provided input into 48 laws and new regulations designed to bring standards and practices in Chongqing in line with China's commitments as a signatory to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention (1981) and the Safety and Health in Construction Convention (1988).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation for International Training completed the Gender Equality and African Regional Institutions project in partnership with the African Trade and Policy Centre, a project of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Through the project, the Centre built an understanding of the gender dimensions of trade issues. Using this increased capacity for gender analysis and research, it led a number of regional initiatives to promote gender-sensitive trade policies and strategies and in 2011 published an assessment of gender impacts of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) trade protocol in selected countries.

Other Foundation projects facilitated partners' engagement with relevant United Nations bodies, such as UNICEF in Sri Lanka and ILO in China.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Child Rights Project Centre for Reproductive Rights assisted 60 Sri Lankan organizations to recognize and reduce the barriers that affect girls' access to primary and secondary education while giving technical assistance and training that resulted in a significant increase in access to resources and participation among female children.

The Gender Equality and African Regional Institutions Project resulted in increased gender equality within the work of four African regional institutions: the African Trade and Policy Centre; Forum for Agricultural Research; the Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat; and L'Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel.

The Participatory Development Program supported 78 civil society organizations in increasing gender equality in education, access to income-generation opportunities and government services such as identity documents, and their ability to participate in community and civic life.

13. Foundation for the American Indian

Special, 2005

Introduction

The aims and purposes of the Foundation for the American Indian are to enhance the quality of life through support for human services, economic development, the arts, education and environmental stewardship. Its goal is to help build the capacity of American Indian people to be self-sufficient in order to develop their respective communities and to contribute to measurable improvement in the areas of education, health, technology, and economic development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Foundation is the enhancement of the American Indian community through education, economic development, health and environmental programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation for the American Indian worked with the David Lynch Foundation to collaborate with American Indian non-profit organizations to decrease post-traumatic stress among youth, veterans and the community at large. It hosted and organized a conference for American Indian leaders, to introduce transcendental meditation and to organize collaboration with American Indian non-profit organizations with American Indian health and wellness non-profit organizations to incorporate transcendental meditation into their respective wellness programmes.

The Foundation for the American Indian funded a biofuel company to convert waste to fuel and electricity for underserved communities. It is collaborating with the American Veterans Co-Op to support funding and implementation of businesses for and by American Veterans, including Native American war veterans. It provides funding for American Indian non-profit organizations that work with American Indian youth to eradicate stress and violence, and improve health and academic achievement.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation coordinated meetings with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues during its sessions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation did not participate in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies since it focused its activities on the implementation of renewable energy projects in underserved communities and did fundraising to bring transcendental meditation to the American Indian community in collaboration with the number one American Indian non-profit organization in health and wellness, the National Indian Youth Leadership Project, to ameliorate youth violence, depression and drug abuse.

14. Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations is a research institute on the interface of science and politics. It improves the knowledge concerning intergenerational justice and sustainability through its profound and practice-orientated research. As an advocacy think-tank the Foundation also tries to raise the awareness of intergenerational justice and sustainability within the political area. To the Foundation, intergenerational justice means that today's youth and future generations must have at least the same opportunities to meet their own needs as the generation governing today.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aim is not only a mere description of society but a change. It aims to provoke, challenge and ultimately, stimulate politicians to recognize the rights of future generations and to implement measures to protect them. It promotes this change through awarding an Intergenerational Justice Award to young scientists developing creative solutions for problems of intergenerational justice and sustainability every other year. Furthermore, it publishes books and the peer-reviewed *Intergenerational Justice Review* journal to enhance its knowledge of these topics. It takes part in numerous conferences around the world on topics relevant for its work, such as climate change, children's rights and sustainability and organizes its own conferences. Furthermore, it is promoting the implementation of intergenerational justice and sustainability in national constitutions as well as in conventions and treaties on the international and European level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation was very active in the field of promoting the Millennium Development Goals and the goals of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. This is especially true in the areas of environmental sustainability, global partnership and children's rights in the scope of universal education and child health. It participated in numerous conferences promoting these topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, the Foundation attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, and was granted observer status; and in 2010, it attended the Conference in Cancún, Mexico.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Sustainability in general and environmental sustainability in particular was promoted by the Foundation in numerous appearances in talk shows and political discussions broadcast by television and radio networks.

It published numerous scientific books on topics of sustainability between 2009 and 2012. It also published some editions of the scientific journal *Intergenerational Justice Review*. Within the scope of a scientific discussion, the Foundation is promoting research on the implementation and effectiveness of United Nations conventions, guidelines and resolutions. The invitation to assess United Nations policy and international law in the scope of an analysis of the topic is always part of the call for papers for the issues of the *Intergenerational Justice Review*.

For many years, the Foundation has hosted the European Union programme Youth In Action. By participating in the voluntary service programme, the Foundation offers young Europeans the opportunity to get involved in the field of intergenerational justice.

In May 2010, it organized a conference on the legal enforcement of intergenerational justice in Lisbon, in which international law, politics and philosophy experts discussed the means by which the rights of future generations could be implemented at the national, European and international levels.

In June 2010, the European Commission in Germany and the Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations organized a conference in Berlin to increase the profile of the strategy.

15. Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Fridtjof Nansen Institute is a non-profit, independent institute engaged in research on international environmental, energy and resource management politics.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The institute seeks to maintain a multidisciplinary approach, with the main emphasis on political science, economics, and international law. It collaborates extensively with other institutions in Norway and abroad.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute organized side-events during various meetings of the United Nations as listed below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2010, in Japan, the Institute organized a side-event, Recent developments in patent Law relevant for Genetic Resources.
- At the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2012, in India, the Institute organized a side-event.
- At the 8th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit sharing, 2009, in Canada, the Institute organized a side-event.
- At the 9th meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit sharing, in Canada, 2010, the Institute organized a side-event.
- At the 1st meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, 2011, Canada, the Institute organized a side-event.
- At the regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in Rome, 2011, the Institute organized a side-event.
- Between 2009 and 2012, the Institute attended a large number of meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), including General Assembly sessions and meetings of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents and the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties, and several meetings of subsidiary bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Institute co-chaired the Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity on "Getting the biodiversity targets right-working for sustainable development" with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Trondheim, in 2010, and co-authored the Chair report.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In cooperation with the Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, the Institute organized a Global Consultation Conference on Farmers' Rights, in Addis Ababa, in 2010. The meeting was convened to follow up on resolution 6/2009 of the Governing Body of the Food and Agricultural Organizations of the United Nations (FAO) International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted at its session in June 2009.

In March 2011, the Institute organized at Lysaker, Norway, a reflection meeting on the shaping of a Global Multilateral Benefit Sharing Mechanism, outlined in the Convention on Biological Diversity Nagoya Protocol. Many of the Institute's research projects of 2009-12 focused on development-related issues, such as farmers' rights issues (e.g., the "Farmers' Rights Project, Furthering Agro-biodiversity as a Means of Poverty Alleviation: Strategies of Civil Society Organizations"), access and benefit-sharing issues, health issues, environmental capacity-building projects, climate change adaptation, and issues in the climate/biodiversity intersection and others.

The Institute also has a number of other research projects of relevance to the United Nations that includes projects that analyse international climate negotiations, and projects related to the international law of the sea.